



The political economy of sickness and disability reform: Some aspects of the Swiss case

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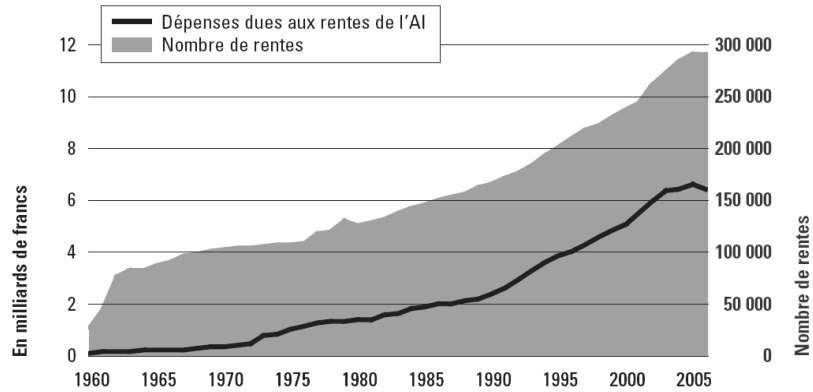
Goals of the 4th reform (in effect since 1.1.2004)

- **Contributing to the financial consolidation of the insurance**
- **Targeted adjustments of benefits**
 - refined gradation of benefits
 - Adjustments of daily allowances to the ones in the accident insurance
 - Improvement of allowances for the impotent
- **Introduction of regional medical assessment centers**
- **Reinforcement of federal superintendance**
- **Structural adaptations of procedures**

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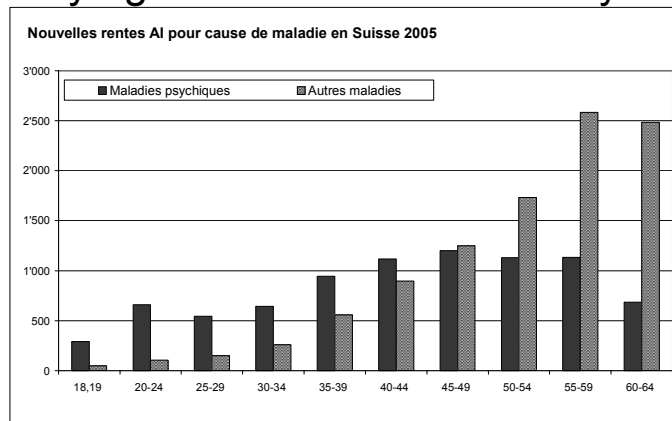
Pathway of disability pensions and expenditures



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Inflow by age and reason of disability



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Measures taken by the 5th reform (will come into effect on 1.1.08)

- Early detection and intervention
- Measures of reintegration, esp. for mentally handicapped
- Placement and occupational guidance, inclusion of employers
- Acceleration of procedures
- Closer evaluation of the access to benefits
- Targeted economic measures

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Research & evaluation program (FoP-IV)

- **Invalidity as a multi-stage system**
 - Changes in jurisdiction and implications on disability insurance
 - Interactions between disability insurance, unemployment insurance and social security
- **Stakeholder interests and incentive structures**
 - Unjustified receipt of benefits
 - Reasons for implementing Disability Management
- **Disability on psychological grounds**
 - Close analysis of non-objectifiable psychological grounds of disability
- **Impact of legislation, revisions and new instruments**
 - Evaluation of the regional medical assessment centers
 - Evaluation of the placement services of the disability insurance
 - Evaluation of the benefit to impotent disabled

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